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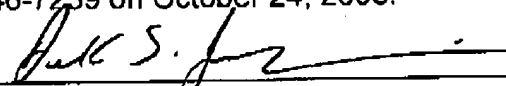
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INVENTIONS FOR COUNTERING TERRORISM

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REMARKS

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Applicants submit the following petition to make special the present patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and MPEP 708.02 XI "Inventions for Countering Terrorism".

The contents of the present patent application can be used for countering terrorism. As mentioned in the MPEP, section 708.02 XI

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International terrorism as defined in 18 U.S.C. 2331 includes "activities that - (A) involve violent acts or acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State, or that would be a criminal violation if committed within the jurisdiction of the United States or of any State; [and] (B) appear to be intended - (i) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; (ii) to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or (iii) to affect the conduct of a government by assassination or kidnapping..."

Specifically, the present invention as used in a screening scenario includes a screener who wants to check an individual against information, a watch list, provided by several information providers. Parties like law enforcement and airport security can be informed in case the screened individual is found to be on the watch list.


In one embodiment of the present invention an apparatus for a matching identification service includes at least one host computer operative to: maintain and enforce at least one contract having a contract ID for governing a service between a service provider, a client and at least one other party; and to determine, in accordance with said at least one contract, whether a match exists between a first request from said client and a data response from one of at least one other party. The at least one host computer is further operative to provide a notification to at least one other party if a match results from the determination.

The present invention protects the nation against further terrorist attacks by allowing government agencies, airlines, rail and bus transportation systems, and private companies to analyze terrorism threats thereby protecting our critical infrastructure and the American way of life.

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